

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
DISTRICT IV**

August 15, 2001 - 7:00 p.m.
Stanley/Aley Community School Center, 1749 S. Martinson
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Members Present

Council Member Bill Gale
Paul Ward
Dorman Blake
Wayne Wells
Bea Vickers
Tom Kessler
Ed Koon
Iola Crandall

Members Absent

June Bailey
Jerry McGinty

Staff

Officer Richard Mellard, Patrol West
Officer Drew Seiler, Patrol West
Officer Dwain Diehl, Patrol South
Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Jim Liss, 3245 S. Elizabeth, 67217
Jim Benton, 3345 S. McComas, 67217

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Bill Gale called the meeting to order, explaining the purpose of the District Advisory Board as representatives of District IV residents who provide input for consideration in City Council actions. He also noted that everyone would be able to voice their thoughts on the different issues discussed and there would be no time limit placed on any comments.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Gale asked if there were any changes to be made to the August 1, 2001 Minutes. **Dorman Blake** moved to accept minutes, **Bea Vickers** gave a second. Minutes were approved 7-0.

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Gale asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none. **Paul Ward** moved to accept the agenda. **Dorman Blake** seconded. The agenda was approved 7-0.

Public Agenda

1. **Jim Liss**, Secretary for the Southwest Neighborhood Association, addressed the Board on traffic issues on 34th Street near Wichita South High School. He is looking for a traffic signal or some kind of traffic management to address the high number of injury accidents at the intersections of 34th Street and Seneca. **Irene Armstrong**, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Association, is urging members to be more proactive. **Armstrong** suggested **Liss** speak with Community Police Officer **Dwain Diehl**.

Research indicated the number of injury accidents at that intersection is already higher than it was in all of 2000 with a full semester of school to take place before the end of the year. **Liss** called the Planning Department and discussed what options there were and what timeframe projects may be enacted. **Liss** spoke to **Bill Morris** and **Paul Guntzelman**. There is currently a project on the CIP to widen Seneca from 31st to the Bypass which will help solve part of the problem but he wanted to know how to file a formal request for an interim solution. **Officer Millard** suggested the possibility of putting in an enforceable “No Left Turn” sign for traffic exiting 34th onto Seneca. **Paul Ward** noted a traffic light would help the situation. Minimum cost would be \$150,000.

Council Member Gale thanked **Mr. Liss** for taking a proactive approach to resolving the issues he addressed and invited him to come back any time he needs guidance or support.

Mr. Liss thanked the Board for their support and help. He also noted his good experience working on the City’s Habitat for Humanity Home.

Jim Benton was introduced and welcomed. He accepted an appointment to the Board.

Planning Agenda

No items were submitted.

Board Agenda

Council Member Gale handed out a list of CIP projects he had pulled out to be addressed and prioritized by the Board. The following are statements made throughout the course of addressing projects.

Three of the 26 items were noted as a top priority with DAB IV.

- A. Seneca – 31st Street to I-235 (widening to five lanes). Due to previous discussion with **Liss**, the Board asked that this project’s design stage be moved from 2003 to 2002.
- B. West Street – Maple to Douglas (extending lane-widening project). **Koon** asked if continuing it on to Central was a possibility. This project was considered necessary to help alleviate drainage problems as well as extend the West Street corridor.
- C. 1st and 2nd Streets – Drainage outfall from West Street. This project was considered essential to improving drainage in the area.

There are currently no design plans in the CIP for 2002. The Board will ask to have some of the projects moved up if possible with the understanding that other projects will have to be moved back in exchange.

Announcements

Wayne Wells wants a noise ordinance in regard to LD Stadium. Steve Shaad (Manager of Lawrence Dumont Stadium) isn’t working with them to adjust the speakers or volume.

Paul Ward noted there would be a National Night Out celebration at 6:30 p.m., August 7, 2001 at 2857 S. Walton. Community Police, Fire Department, EMS, the BAT Van, Mounted Police, and a helicopter flyover will all be part of the festivities. The Southwest Neighborhood Association's next meeting will be Thursday August 28, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at Envision.

Iola Crandall announced the Sunflower Neighborhood Association meeting as being August 2, 2001. They will be watching the progression of the Coastal cleanup area. August 18, 2001 will be a neighborhood cleanup for the area. They are also working on lighting 2nd street with Christmas lights.

Dorman Blake asked how many tons of trash was picked up between Seneca, Clarksdale, and Vandale after the cleanup they had.

Officer Richard Millard and **Officer Drew Seiler** introduced themselves. They also handed out a survey about Community Policing and are reporting the responses to **Deputy Chief Cole**. **Officer Seiler** is new to the west side. He is the new 17 Beat Coordinator. Patrol West's phone number is 941-0673.

Aaron Hamilton announced the building blitz for Habitat for Humanity. The City of Wichita is building a house the weeks of August 13-24, 2001. If you have time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Neighborhood Patrol applications will be sent with the next DAB mailing for anyone who would like to sign up to attend. We are hoping for a fall class. Please feel free to make copies if necessary for other applicants or bring their names and addresses to the next DAB meeting. National Night out is August 7, 2001.

Council Member Gale noted the Seneca Street improvements that are about to begin. The Delano Neighborhood, Business, and Clergy associations had several meetings and came up with a Neighborhood Plan. Seneca is a gateway to the museum district and will be designed as a boulevard.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the District IV Advisory Board will be held on September 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stanley/Aley Neighborhood Center. District IV CIP projects is the topic of the agenda

No Action Required.

With no further business, **Vickers** moved that the meeting be adjourned and **Blake** seconded. **Council Member Gale** adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Hamilton
Neighborhood Assistant